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SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

— The annual report of the trustees of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy contains plans of the museum building, with a view of the wing, now partly built, together with its proposed addition and the corner-piece joining it to the main building. The curator, Mr. Alexander Agassiz, seems to discourage the accumulation of great stores of alcoholic specimens, suggesting that they should be restricted to a minimum, and limited, as far as possible, to those classes where no other mode of preservation is practicable; and he thinks "the time has come when large collections must naturally be supplemented by zoölogical stations. These, when once established at properly selected localities, will enable museums to dispense with much that is now exceedingly costly." By the success of the Agassiz Memorial Fund, the authorities will be enabled, as soon as the contemplated additions to the museum are erected, to carry out the principal ideas of Professor Agassiz for the arrangement of a museum. This fund is stated to amount to \$310,673.99.

— A new marine Fucoid from the Water Lime Group, at Buffalo, N. Y., has been noticed by Messrs. Grote and Pitt, under the name of *Buthotrephis Lesquereuxi*. The specimen is one of the best preserved of the kind yet discovered. No remains of sea-weeds appear to have been known hitherto from the Water Lime Group of the Silurian formation.

— The third volume of the new edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica, just published, contains articles on the Atlantic and Baltic, by Dr. W. B. Carpenter, and on Biology, by Professor Huxley and W. T. F. Dyer.

— The *Progress of Darwinism* is an annual issued in Germany, giving the annual record of evolution literature, as part of a series of other reports on the progress of geology, meteorology, etc.

— Among the recent books of travel published by E. H. Mayer, Cologne and Leipzig, are the three following, by Robert von Schlagintweit: *Die Prairien des amerikanischen Westens* (The Prairies of Western America); *Die Pacific-Eisenbahn in Nordamerika* (The Pacific Railroad of North America); and *Die Mormonen, oder die Heiligen vom jüngsten Tage* (The Mormons, or Latter-Day Saints).

— A summer school of science and physical culture on a rather novel plan is projected by Prof. D. S. Jordan, who proposes to take a class of twenty on a march from Indianapolis to the upper waters of the Tennessee, thence by boats down the French Broad and Tennessee, to Chattanooga, where the school will be closed.

— A memoir of the late I. A. Lapham, LL. D., who suggested the U. S. Weather Signal System, has been prepared by Mr. S. S. Sherman.

— Élisée Reclus is editing *Nouvelle Géographie universelle, la Terre et les Hommes*, of which six livraisons had appeared in Paris up to November last.